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SUBJECT: ABOLITION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RULE IN
SWAZILAND

REF: (A) STATE 069509; (B) LONDON 4450

(C) MBABANE 748

1. WE AGAIN CONTACTED HEAD OF CENTRAL AND
SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEPT FOSTER WHO REITERATED HMG' S
DECISION THUS FAR TO CONTINUE WITH BUSINESS AS USUAL
IN SWAZILAND. HE SAID NO AID PROGRAMS WOULD BE IMMED-
IATELY AFFECTED ALTHOUGH ODA WOULD BE REVIEWING
SITUATION.

2. ONLY PROBLEM WHICH HAD CONCERNED HIM WAS QUESTION
OF RECOGNITION ON WHICH HE HAD SOUGHT LEGAL ADVICE.
AS USUAL, LAWYERS' REPLY WAS NOT CATEGORIC BUT THRUST
WAS THAT RECOGNITION ISSUE PROBABLY WOULD NOT ARISE.
IF IT DID, NORMAL CONDITIONS FOR RE- RECOGNITION
(GOVERNMENT IN EFFECTIVE CONTROL, ETC.) EXIST SO THAT
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THERE SHOULD BE NO DIFFICULTIES FOR BRITISH. A CABLE
HAS GONE TO HICOM MBABANE TELLING MISSION TO
CARRY ON AND NOT TO GET DRAWN IN ON RECOGNITION
PROBLEM IF POSSIBLE.

3. FOSTER WILL KEEP US ABREAST OF ANY CHANGES IN UK
POSITION.

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